

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 have been canceled.

Claim 23 has been added. Support for this amendment can be found on page 107, lines 11-19 of the specification.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claim 23 will be pending in the application.

In the Office Communication dated June 23, 2005, the Examiner states that the Rule 1.111 Amendment filed January 14, 2005 is not fully responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004. In particular, the Examiner notes that the claims originally presented for examination were directed to a silver halide photographic emulsion (product claims), but that the product claims were canceled and new claims presented that are directed to a method of reducing a decrease in photographic image quality.

Applicants have canceled the method claims and has presented a claim directed to the silver halide photographic emulsion (product). Applicants submit that the presently claimed invention is not anticipated or obvious over EP '719 and Parton. Applicants submit that the presently claimed invention is not anticipated or obvious over Yamashita '332. Applicants further submit that the presently claimed invention would not be obvious over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,582,894. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Response is fully responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004 and the Office Communication dated June 23, 2005.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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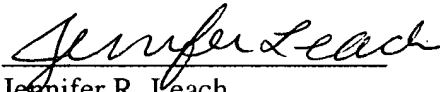
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